

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2014-289-T**

**AUGUST 7, 2014**

**Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**Application of Plantation Moving & Storage, Inc. for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Motion to be allowed to take shipper witness deposition by telephone**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:**

**Motion granted. The Office of Regulatory Staff does not oppose the motion. Further, taking the deposition of shipper witnesses in a Class E Household Goods case has been a common and useful practice in such matters before the Commission. A deposition saves time and the expense of presenting a live shipper witness in hearings, such shipper witness being required in Class E Household Goods cases under 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. Section 103-133.1 to show the public convenience and necessity criterion of proof. In this case, the request to take the deposition by telephone of one or more shipper witnesses and subsequent use in the hearing is certainly meritorious under 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-834, and therefore the request to take the deposition or depositions by telephone is granted. Said deposition of an appropriate shipper witness or witnesses shall be taken by oral examination at such time and place and/or by such method as may be agreed upon by the parties. Such witness or witnesses shall testify regarding the public convenience and necessity criterion, and any other matter related to the case at bar as may be deemed appropriate by agreement of the parties. The deposition or depositions may take the place of live shipper witnesses at the hearing on the request for a Class E Household Goods Certificate.**